

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A sustained release composite comprising a three-dimensional piece of calcium silicate having a xontolite structure and which includes fibers of textile glass and borosilicate glass, and ~~an active agent~~ a fire starting agent.

2. (Original) The composite according to claim 1 wherein the calcium silicate contains about 0.5% wood pulp fibers, from about 0.5% to about 1% textile grade glass fibers, and about 1% bentonite clay.

Claim 3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The composite according to claim 3 wherein the fire starting agent is selected from the group consisting of candle wax mineral spirits propyleneglycol and mixtures thereof.

Claims 5-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The composite according to claim 1 wherein the composite is packaged in material that maintains the active agent in the composite until the package is opened.

9. (Original) The composite according to claim 8 wherein the cylindrical container has a snap on top.

10. (Original) The composite according to claim 9 wherein the cylindrical container has a snap on top.

11. (Original) A method for forming a fire starter comprising impregnating a block comprising a three-dimensional piece of calcium silicate having a xontolite structure and in which are fibers of textile glass and borosilicate glass with a fire starting material.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 11 wherein the calcium silicate contains about 0.5% wood pulp fiber, from about 0.5% to about 1% textile grade glass fibers and about 1% bentonite clay.